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There is reason for belief that there will be another great strike, commencing after congress adjourns.

Senator Matthews said in 1872, "I candidly acknowledge that I am not a success as a politician." Most people will agree with him.

Charles Dudley Warner says that if our boys and girls do not like St. Nicholas, they should be made over again, as St. Nicholas is as near perfection as possible.

The house committee on elections has just reported in favor of unseating Smalls, because the rifle clubs in his district were intimidated by President Grant's proclamation. Hamburg and Ellenton are in Smalls' district.

The New York Times says: "To the credit of the president, it must be said that if he yielded to the recommendations of Mr. Matthews and the entire Louisiana delegation in favor of Anderson, he promptly revoked the appointment to Funchal when he found out what sort of person it was whose name had been foisted on him."

THE FLORIDA INVESTIGATION.

The sub-committee which has gone to Florida to investigate is not having great success. Melton was threatened upon to show that Gen. Noyes had corruptly offered to the Florida republicans on condition that they should give the state to Hayes. The following is a part of the report of Melton:

Noyes did not do as he would have done—did not ask anything from me, and he did not come to see me. Directly after the canvass, and on the eve of the return of Noyes, he came to my house in a carriage, with a number of other visiting statesmen, and thanked me for the action I had taken, and congratulated me on the result, and went off happy. He said I had acted nobly. I never saw him after he left Tallahassee, and one letter in which he gave me a copy of it. Noyes acknowledged the receipt of the letter. I remember I wrote two letters to Noyes, one of them a postscript. In answer to me, Noyes said that the time and temper was good, he had forwarded it to the president with a letter urging him to give me an appointment; have no copies of the letter. Noyes didn't tell me before the canvass that he would be rewarded.

After President Hayes was inaugurated, Melton wrote to Gen. Noyes asking for his influence to assist in securing an office. This letter does not refer to any promise of Noyes as it naturally would if any had been made. The letter says:

I would be glad to have you say a good word to the president in my behalf. However, I pray you do not think that I prefer my claim on account of the recent canvass. I only performed my duty conscientiously, and if it proves unavailing, I will never cease to regret it as long as I live. My reasons for seeking the appointment are urgent; my contest for a livelihood with the prospective democracy will be a very unequal one, and my health will not permit me to live in a colder climate.

It will be noticed that he says in his letter that he performed his duty faithfully in the electoral count. It looks now as though the investigation would be a "contemptible farce" and not a bloody revolution.

A SENATOR'S PRIVILEGE.

The house may find itself in an unpleasant predicament, on account of the action of the investigating committee in issuing a subpoena to summon Senator Matthews as a witness. The subpoena reads:

You are hereby commanded to summon Hon. Stanley Matthews to be and appear before the investigating committee of the house of representatives, of which Hon. Clarkson N. Potter is chairman, in their chamber in the city of Washington, Tuesday, June 11, 1878, at the hour of 10 a. m., there to testify touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee; and he is not to depart without leave of said committee.

This seems to be in direct conflict with that clause in the constitution which says that "senators and representatives shall in all cases except treason, felony and breach of peace be privileged from arrest, during their attendance at the session of their respective houses and going to and returning from the same." The subpoena is an infringement on the constitutional rights of a senator. Gen. Butler has such an exalted view of the extensive powers of the house that he thinks the privileges granted by the constitution should not be regarded.

But had the constitution been silent on this point there are plenty of precedents in parliamentary history to show that the house committee have no right to subpoena Senator Matthews. Mr. Grav, in his report of parliamentary cases, says:

Either house may request, but not command, the attendance of a member of the other; they are to make the request by message of the other house, and to express clearly the purpose of attendance; that no improper subject of examination may be tendered to him. The house then gives leave to the member to go, and if he wishes, waiting in a room, until he is called to attend, till which they do not take the message into consideration.

Again he says that "the member has no right to waive the privilege, it being a privilege of the house. If he waives it without permission it is a ground of punishment." At this latter statement Stanley Matthews would be guilty of contempt of the senate if he should appear before the house committee without the senate's permission. We see no reason why Senator Matthews should obey the subpoena. If he refuses, an interesting question will arise, the discussion of which will do good. The house is already apt to claim too much power, and a discussion will only reveal the true relation of the two legislative bodies.

ORIGINATOR.

We quote the following from the Denver News in regard to an article of ours on Judge Belford's letter:

Referring to the letter of Judge Belford to Hon. Matt France, republished elsewhere from the Colorado Springs GAZETTE, that paper takes occasion to find fault with the judge's views on finance, and indicates a degree of hostility to greenback money not warranted by the facts of the case, as they appear to the News. We make no secret of our friendship for greenback money, and fully agree with Judge Belford, that it is the best currency the country ever had. If the GAZETTE knows of any better paper currency in this or any other country, we should like to hear about it. Greenbacks at par with gold from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Maine to Texas bear witness that it is a good currency, and demand its recognition on an equality with the precious metals. But we recognize the fact that its value depends solely on its convertibility into coin, and that without resumption of specie payments greenbacks have no stable and permanent value.

Until we reached the last sentence we were of the opinion that the greenback party had better give up the idea of starting an organ in this state and adopt the News instead. But the last sentence explains the position of the News, when after all is not very far from the difference between the GAZETTE and the News is that we have no editorial ambitions.

The greenback currency, as it is, is used universally in this country, as an issue of paper by the government, which is unsecured and is payable on presentation at the treasury with another piece of paper. This is the kind of currency we have been using, and according to Judge Belford is the best the country ever had. In our opinion, and we believe we are supported by every political economist of any note, it is the poor, a curse to this country, or any other country has ever seen. If the editor of the News should present at the treasury a greenback, which is simply a promise to pay, he would receive another piece of paper in return, which is simply a promise to pay, and so on ad infinitum. The greenbacks were a forced loan, indefinite in the time of payment and the commodity in which they were to be paid.

When the News talks about a currency convertible with gold and silver it is not talking about the greenback currency. To be sure after the country had used the currency for thirteen years, the government did proclaim that it should be redeemed after January 1st, 1879, but then it ceases to be what is known as greenback currency. For greenback currency is inconvertible and undiminished. There is no question about this.

We think the News should use a little more care in the use of terms. The phrase that "the greenback currency is the best the country ever had" is a cant one used by the greenback party. We are glad that the News does not use it with the same meaning.

As to Judge Belford, we confess that his utterances on the financial question are so ambiguous that we don't know what he means unless he uses the phrase as it is universally used with the exception of the News.

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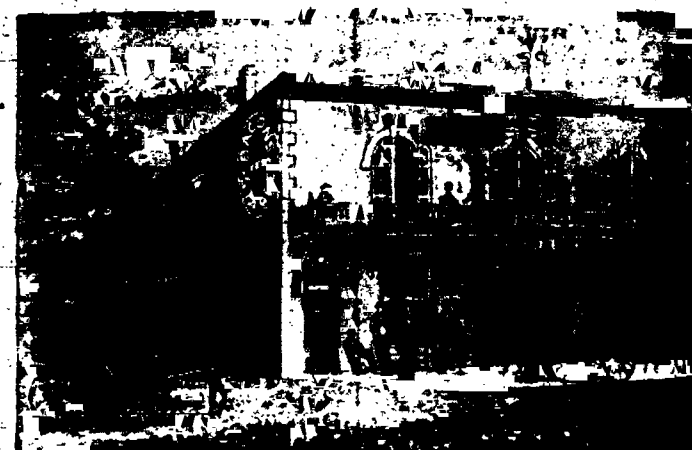
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